CAC FAQs – Questions from the Field:

1. **What is a RAM?**
   - Each region has a Regional Aviation Meteorologist (RAM) that coordinates aviation policy and requirements for the region.

2. **What is the website to review FAA approach plates?**
   http://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/flight_info/aeronav/digital_products/dtpp/

3. **How do I open a new TAF site?**
   - Review to go through your RAM. Follow instructions from 10-813

4. **How do I ensure the lowest published minimums for a TAF site match those of the Observing System?**
   - AFPs may contact their Regional ASOS Program Manager to ensure their lowest published minimums for each TAF site match those of the observing system.

5. **Who will maintain the master list?**
   - Aviation Services Branch (ASB) will maintain the master list and updates to the website, via input from the RAMs. Each WFO will go through their RAMs for questions/updates to their minimums. A team will be assembled with Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) to assist the RAMs.

6. **Who will review change requests and approve?**
   - RAMs will provide approval for change requests from WFOs, while utilizing the expertise from the SMEs.

7. **Who will update the web site?**
   - ASB will ensure the website gets updated with the latest master list as required

8. **Where do I find the link to the master CAC spreadsheet?**
   - The link can be found in NWS 10-813, Appendix F.

9. **What happens when I miss the 56 day update cycle before the next one comes out?**
   - If this happens, you will need to review ALL the approaches, just like if you were starting from scratch.

10. **Where do I find the 56 day cycle schedule?**
    - In the training "Approach Charts 56-Day Cycle" On the CAC website

11. Should an annual review of the CAC criteria be done?
- An annual review is always a good idea, even if you've been keeping up with the 56 day update cycle. A highly recommended practice would be to collaborate with your Backup offices and double-check each other's CAC thresholds.

12. How/When should we use CAT F?
- Category F should be determined between the local office, airport manager, and the CWSU.

13. What do we do with approaches listed as "Authorization Required"?
- Contact the airport manager to determine if the minimums for this approach would be a good candidate for a Category F threshold.

14. Where can I find additional airport information, other than the FAA Digital Terminal Procedures?
- AirNav (www.airnav.com) provides a wealth of information, including, airport manager contact info, observing platform, and airport usage statistics, which can assist in understanding the type of aircraft operations at a specific airport.